

**FY 2019 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING  
MULTIPURPOSE GRANT PROGRAM**

**QUESTION:** What is the Multipurpose Grant Program in the FY 2019 President's Request?

**ANSWER:**

- This new grant program is to assist states and tribes with the implementation of mandatory statutory duties in delegated environmental programs.
- Recognizing that environmental challenges vary due to variations in geography, population density, and other factors, these funds support state-determined priorities in addressing their statutory responsibilities to protect human health and the environment.
- FY 2019 is the first year EPA has requested funds for this program. Funds will be allocated by formula that is still to be determined.
- The FY 2018 Omnibus provided \$10 million for Multipurpose grants to States and Tribes. The report indicates that the Committee was disappointed with the agency's funding formula used in FY 2016 and directs the Agency to give maximum flexibility to states to determine where funds from this grant program are of most value.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The FY 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act provided almost \$21 million for EPA to issue grants to states and tribes to assist with implementing environmental programs.
- EPA provided almost \$20 million to states and territories to support implementation of air and state-led activities and other state-defined high priority activities. In addition, \$1 million went to tribes that had obtained authorization to develop water quality standards.
- The FY 2019 Presidents Budget proposes project eligibility be limited to mandatory statutory duties imposed under delegated programs, while maintaining flexibility for states to determine which priorities/environmental media to address.

**RESOURCES  
(Dollars in Millions):**

Approp.	FY 2017 Enacted		FY 2018 Annualized CR		FY 2019 Pres Bud		Delta FY 2017 EN v. FY 2019 Pres Bud	
STAG	\$0.0	0.0 FTE	\$0.0	0.0 FTE	\$27.0	0.0 FTE	+\$27.0	0.0 FTE